

House Resolution No. 878

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Sheryl L. Gruber has attained considerable distinction as a high school mathematics teacher at Hsinchu International School in Taiwan; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Sheryl Gruber enhanced an already impressive record of achievements when she was publicly recognized in the State Capitol by the Missouri NBPTS Network for National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment that can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Sheryl Gruber presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices that result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process that Sheryl Gruber underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Sheryl Gruber down through the years and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the completion of rigorous National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Sheryl L. Gruber.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 878, adopted February 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker